

Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Zag xx - 06 Jun 2023 17:15

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Hi all I'm in my mid 20s and I'm getting married in 2 months. I was sexually abused when I was 13, and I've had plenty of trauma therapy in the past. I'm in a relatively healthy place right now, but I've had many years of struggles. I also know I'm more attracted to men than to women, and I'm really nervous about what to do in marriage. I'm in yeshiva and have an excellent support of rebbayim and friends. I'm also bh very gifted in learning and I absolutely love Torah. I've however over the years had a number of sexual encounters with friends, and I'm worried about what I should do if I ever find myself struggling in marriage. I want to make marriage work and I AM attracted to my kalla, but I know these feelings won't just go away. I'm currently speaking to people (rabbayim/therapist) pre marriage. I just need all the advice and disatisa dishmaya I can get. Thanks all

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Foolie - 07 Jun 2023 20:42

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???? since the kallah does not know a crucial piece of information regarding the person she's marrying.

Terrific all you married guys who didn't bury your wife in all your issues before you married her pack up and move out You heard it here first, your kiddushin is pasul and everything you've worked towards is for naught.

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Trying99 - 07 Jun 2023 20:52

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You can pretend that this is just one minor issue but we all know that this isn't a small or minor thing. This is a fundamental part of who this person is. The person who is marrying him should

be able to make an informed decision about this. It is manipulative to keep it from her until after you are already married. You can delude yourself into thinking otherwise but it is wrong.

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married  
Posted by Zag xx - 07 Jun 2023 20:53

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Foolie are you a posek. If not then great but thanks. REAL POSKIM whom I've spoken to have told me not to say anything. Again I want advice. I'm not asking for anyones perceived halochic statements. I'm sure there are lots of poskim who say lots of things. I'll follow mine. EVERYONE has issues in their lives. U don't know the exact stage I'm at. I wish you all a lot of hatzlocha

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married  
Posted by Trying99 - 07 Jun 2023 20:56

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[Shmuel wrote on 07 Jun 2023 20:26:](#)

[Trying99 wrote on 07 Jun 2023 20:09:](#)

If someone values his connection to his kallah he has to be fully honest with her. There is zero justification for keeping this information from someone who has every right to know this fact about the person they are marrying. I am actually really baffled by the responses here. Do you all think that women are just dumb pieces of property who don't have the right to make their own decisions about what they're getting into? Do you even hear yourselves?

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Zag, I can't imagine how scary this must feel right now but please do not hurt someone by following the advice of the people on this thread. There is no ethical justification for the withholding of such information from someone who is about to commit their entire life to you. Do the right thing and tell her.

I haven't seen anyone say to keep this secret from her forever. What I have seen is advice that such a disclosure should only be made after consulting his Rabbi and therapist who actually know him and NOT based on opinions on a secret forum...

I definitely wouldn't take a paskan on the validity of the kidushin base on the very little information provided here.

The information provided here is very simple and straightforward: Zag is telling us that he is attracted to men and has had sexual relationships with other men. He is asking for advice. Anyone who is intellectually honest and not afraid to accept difficult truths knows that the right thing to do, the correct advice, is to provide the person he is about to marry, important relevant information about himself. She needs this information because she has the right to know these important facts about the person she's about to commit the rest of her life to.

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married  
Posted by Zag xx - 07 Jun 2023 21:01

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I am also thank G-D attracted to my Kalla.

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married  
Posted by Foolie - 07 Jun 2023 21:06

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Foolie are you a posek.

I understand sarcasm and cynicism is hard to get from a block of text, but try parsing what is being said before you get offended

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married  
Posted by Zag xx - 07 Jun 2023 21:14

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Since my comment wasn't directed at you there is no reason for you to be hurt or offended I'm on your side of this issue

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married  
Posted by Zag xx - 07 Jun 2023 21:19

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married  
Posted by Foolie - 07 Jun 2023 21:22

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It was directed at the gentleman telling you to tell her. I promise you if I followed his advice we wouldn't be having this conversation because I wouldn't be around to have it with you as it's kind of hard to type when you're buried six feet under

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Posted by Shmuel - 07 Jun 2023 21:23

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Foolie was replying to Triyig who paskend that kidushin is not chal. So he was adding that if that were so then most of us here which have secrets are not really married

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married  
Posted by Zag xx - 07 Jun 2023 21:24

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Yeah I get that. That would probably put me there at the stage I'm in right now

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married  
Posted by Zag xx - 07 Jun 2023 21:25

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I'm sorry if I got confused. Please daven for me. Thank you all

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Re: Bi Bocher about to get married

Posted by Zag xx - 07 Jun 2023 21:32

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Sorry foolie

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